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SUBJ: REPORTED GOV REFUSAL TO GRANT LANDING RIGHTS TO US CHARTER
FLIGHT

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1. DIRECTORATE OF AIR TRANSPORT, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMS THAT PERMIT FOR REQUESTED CHARTER FLIGHT BY AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL WAS REFUSED BECAUSE BY RESOLUTION NRTA/75-27 ALL LANDING RIGHTS FOR THIS CARRIER WERE SUSPENDED. WHILE DETAILS WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AND WOULD HAVE TO BE CULLED FROM MINISTRY'S FILES, THE SUSPENSION WAS DECREED BECAUSE OF A SERIES OF IRREGULARITIES RELATED TO PREVIOUS FLIGHTS, SUCH AS NON-PAYMENT OF A FINE, LANDING WITHOUT PERMISSION, TRANSPORTING CARGO WHICH DID NOT HAVE IMPORT PERMIT.

2. DIRECTORATE OF AIR TRANSPORT STATED THAT SUSPENSION, AFTER PAYMENT OF THE FINES, COULD BE LIFTED BUT WOULD REQUIRE THE VISIT BY AN AUTHORIZED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL TO BEGIN PROCEDURES.

3. THE DIRECTORATE FURTHERMORE STATED THAT IN THIS SPECIFIC CASE IT WOULD BE DOUBTFUL WHETHER LANDING RIGHTS COULD BE GRANTED BECAUSE A) THE FLIGHT CONSTITUTES A FIFTH FREEDOM FLIGHT AND WOULD BE IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH VIASA AND AEROMEXICO AND B) BECAUSE IN RELATION TO A) THERE

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APPARENTLY HAS BEEN NO EFFORT TO COORDINATE WITH THE TWO

PRIMARY CARRIERS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE CHARTERES
MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION TO THE EFFECT THAT NEITHER
VIASA NOR AEROMEXICO COULD HANDLE THE FLIGHT AND IN THAT
CASE PERMISSION COULD BE GRANTED AFTER AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL
PAYS ITS FINE AND IS REINSTATED FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS.
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